

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD  
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1952

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Allen:

I am enclosing three copies of a report entitled "Some Areas of Psychiatric Interest," dated September 5, 1952, together with a bibliography including some editorial comment, both of which were prepared by Dr. Henry P. Laughlin. This work was carried out by Dr. Laughlin as a consultant to the PSB staff and was mainly prompted by some discussions held last Spring between [redacted]

[redacted] We felt that the subjects presented warranted a preliminary survey of this kind with the hope that further areas of research useful to the psychological field might be suggested or at least some material of interest to [redacted] might be produced.

Having examined the report, it is our opinion that such utility as it may have falls essentially in the area of responsibility assigned to CIA. We are transmitting it, therefore, so that you can make such distribution as seems appropriate to you. I might add that [redacted] Director, Office of Technical Services, who knew of the discussions mentioned above between [redacted] [redacted] has indicated a desire to see the report.

I have written this letter with [redacted] knowledge and consent and he has asked me to say that since no Board activity is involved, this somewhat informal transmittal to you seemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
C. Tracy Barnes  
Deputy Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM : Assistant to the Director

1. I am forwarding to you a copy of a report together with its appendix prepared by Dr. Henry P. Laughlin, a consultant to the PSB Staff. I am sure that you know of the discussions which gave rise to this report.

2. I have sent the second of three copies to [REDACTED] and the third to Col. Edwards of IAS.

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Enclosures

Copy of ltr fr DD/PSB to D/DCI

"Some Areas of Psychiatric Interest"

Appendix to "Some Areas of Psychiatric Interest"

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